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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Bishop Frank M. Munsey of Munster, Indiana, who passed away on February 5, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, Bishop Frank Munsey was born on August 11, 1930; his parents were Frank and Eva Munsey of Tulsa, Oklahoma; and

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WHEREAS, Bishop Frank Munsey was the founder and Pastor Emeritus of Family Christian Center (FCC), a mega-church of more than 17,000 in Munster, Indiana, having founded the church in 1953; he remained at FCC until 1985, when his son, the Reverend Steve Munsey, assumed charge of the church; the FCC is known for sermons that fuse the Gospels with high-tech theatrics and its diverse outreach programs; and

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WHEREAS, Under the leadership of and following the example of Bishop Frank Munsey, the Family Christian Center has distributed five million tons of food to local families; the church's hospital ministry sends chaplains to 23 local hospitals; five Correctional Facilities within the Northwest Indiana-Chicagoland area receive hope for a new life through FCC's prison ministry; FCC also provides spiritual and financial help to missionaries in more than 10 countries, supporting orphanages, schools, and churches through world

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1 missions; and

2 WHEREAS, In 1985, Bishop Frank Munsey left pastoral care  
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4 before settling in Sofia, Bulgaria, where, in 1992, he and his  
5 wife began the American English Academy, a school that provides  
6 excellence in education under a Christian banner in a largely  
7 un-churched nation; the academy's 175 students hail from 31  
8 countries; and

9 WHEREAS, Bishop Frank Munsey was preceded in death by his  
10 parents and his siblings, Kenneth Munsey and Frances Munsey;  
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12 WHEREAS, Bishop Frank Munsey is survived by his wife of  
13 nearly 60 years, Ruth (nee McConley); his brother, Darrel  
14 Munsey (Carolyn); his children, Stephan K. Munsey (Melodye),  
15 Joe D. Munsey (Robin), Phillip M. Munsey (Jeannie), and Sheila  
16 R. Munsey Gerald (Kevin); his 9 grandchildren; his 10  
17 great-grandchildren; and his many sisters and brothers-in-law,  
18 nieces and nephews, friends, and colleagues; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL  
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
21 his family and friends, the passing of Bishop Frank M. Munsey;  
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1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to the family of Bishop Frank Munsey as an expression  
3 of our sympathy.